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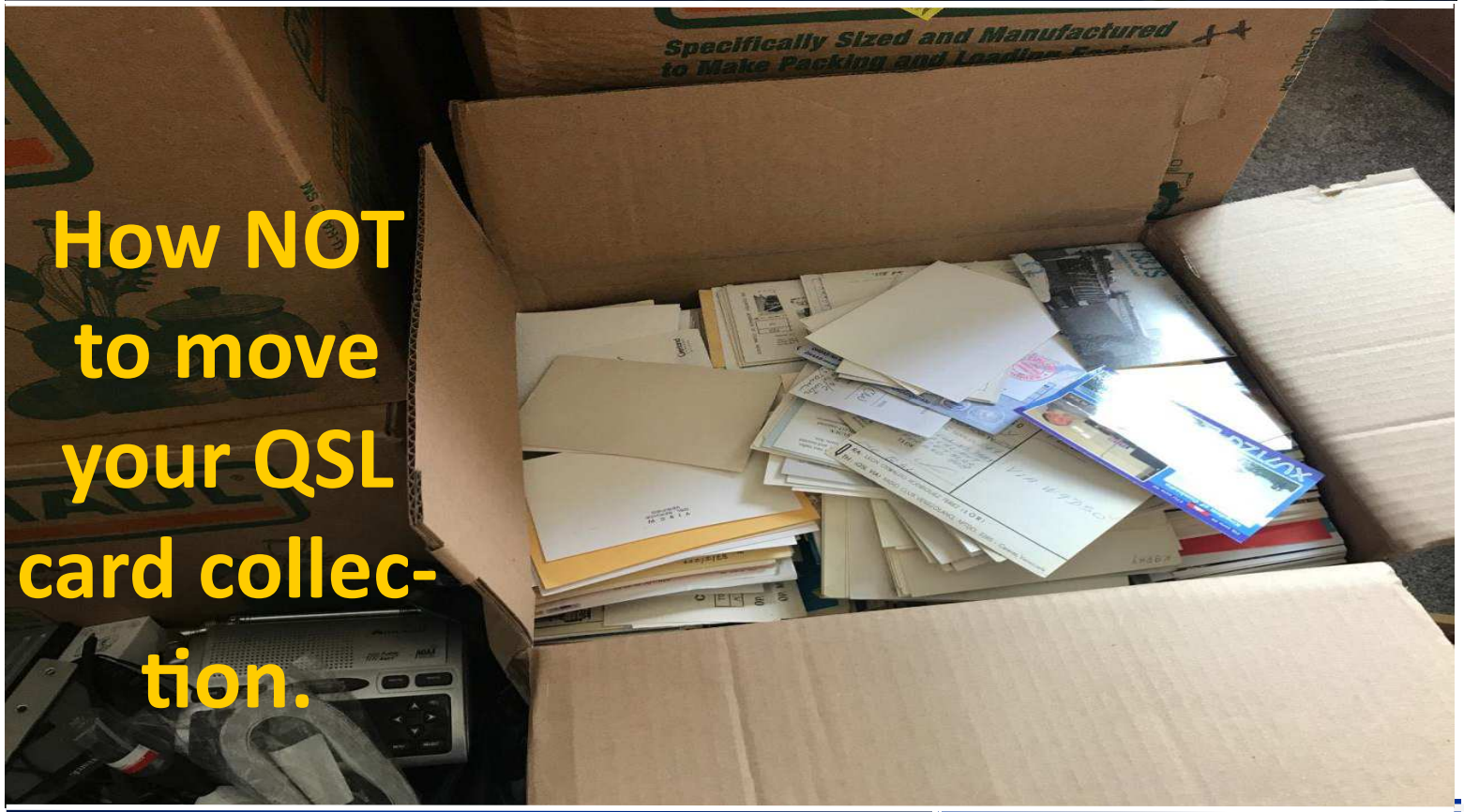

How NOT to move your QSL card collection.

Meeting Program:
DX Station Build in Arizona
by Ned Stearns, AA7A

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From the Prez . . .

Pat, **WA6MHZ**

SDDXC Meeting on Zoom

Topic: SDDXC Meeting on Zoom

Time: Oct 28, 2020 06:30 P.M. Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Pat, **WA6MHZ**

Secretary/Treasurer Reports

Randy, **KQ6RS**

SDDXC Meeting Minutes, September 23, 2020

Our September meeting was held using the Zoom video conferencing application. 17 members and one guest participated.

At 6:39 P.M. Pat Bunsold, WA6MHZ called the meeting to order.

Our guest was Dennis Younker, NE6I, his second meeting as a guest.

At 6:43 P.M. we started the roundtable.

The next meeting will be held on October 28th at 6:30 P.M..

At 7:33 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>

Income for September: $10 membership

Expenses for September: $49 to STC Network Systems for web site hosting www.sddxc.org for 2021

Balance on 10/11/2020 $5,372.61

Randy, **KQ6RS**

SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM

CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON PHONE

10/20	10/19	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	W6YI	340	360	360	-
2.	3.	K6AM	340	350	350	+1
3.	2.	K9RHY	339	350	350	-
4.	4.	N6CW	339	349	349	-
5.	5.	N0RR	338	360	360	-
6.	6.	WA6MHZ	336	347	347	-
7.	7.	K6ZH	336	345	345	-
8.	8.	NN6K	336	339	339	-
9.	9.	K5OA	335	354	354	-
10.	10.	WB1EAZ	333	344	344	-

10/20	10/19	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
11.	11.	K0XB	328	336	337	-
12.	12.	N6XT	326	333	333	-
13.	13.	WN6K	320	330	340	-
14.	14.	N6VS	310	315	319	-
15.	15.	NA6L	310	310	311	-
16.	16.	WB6BFG	301	304	309	-
17.	17.	N6JOJ	297	299	304	-
18.	18.	W6GAK	288	290	290	-
19.	19.	W5BN	283	283	312	+1
20.	20	W6HDG	254	254	271	+2

We're lookin' at the top 20 in this category to accommodate the larger number of entries. Now that all those overdue cards have been received and the bands have shut down we have very little new to report other than the small jumps at the end of the list.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, CW, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at http://www.sddxc.org or bring 'em to the meeting.

CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 331st current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2019. Send your totals to k6am at arrl dot net

John, **K6AM**

SDDXC Contest Results

By John, K6AM

2020 ARRL DX CW CONTEST

CALL	CLASS	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	Finish
ZF1A (ops K6AM, N6WIN, N6MJ,W9KKN)	MS HP	5,946,675	6,070	329	**#1 World**
NO6T (KI6RRN @WA6TQT)	SO HP	3,153,240	2,791	380	**#1 SW Div**, **#1 W6**, #12 US/VE
NX6T (Ops N6CY N6KI N6NC WM6Y WQ6X)	MS HP	1,364,121	1,574	297	**#1 W6**, #3 SW Div, , #15 US/VE
K6NA	SO HP	1,258,812	1,445	292	#2 SW Div, #2 W6
NT6Q (N5ZO)	SO LP	1,100,655	1,408	263	**#1 W6, #1 SW Div,** #6 US/VE
N6CW	SA HP	521,367	686	259	#2 W6, #6 SW Div,
W6YA	SO 20	307,197	965	107	#1 W6, #2 SW Div, #3 US/VE
K6XT	SO HP	48,495	311	53	#8 RM Div
W6JBR	SO HP	21,780	124	60	

John, **K6AM**

From the Editor

Bob, **K9RHY**

Making a long story a bit shorter, back in August the XYL mandated a relocation from the Knoxville, TN lakeside QTH to new QTH in a comfy condo in Longmont, CO, just north of Boulder and an hour from Denver. After 25+ years, we're back in the Front Range, an hour from some of the best skiing and snowboarding in North America.

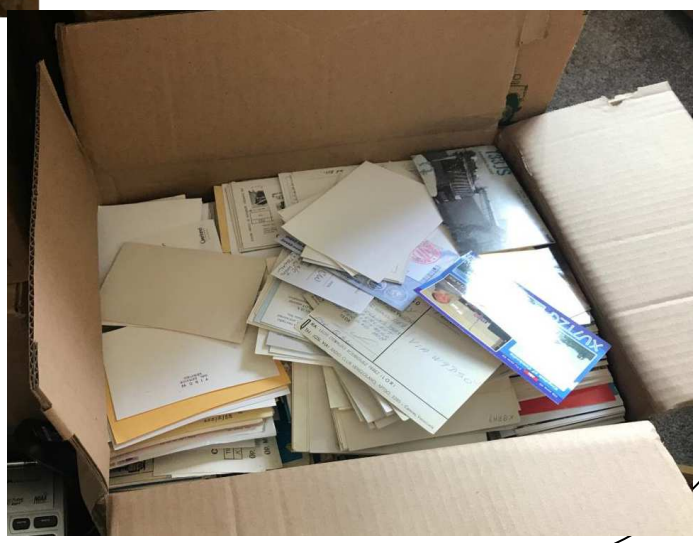
But this story is about one of the ham radio-related episodes of the move. Needless to say, the move required a change in this DXer's lifestyle.

One of the items we moved (and one of my treasures) was my collection of DX QSL cards accumulated over 50+ years of DXing. I cherished that collection – to the point that I had a custom-built wooden QSL holder/cabinet made by a couple of local craftsmen (retired from Oak Ridge National Labs). It held my roughly 15,000 DX QSL cards in neat drawers with separators by entity. In my custom cabinet, each country's/entity's QSL cards was easily located by using the entity tabs. Within each entity, QSL cards were meticulously sorted for easy retrieval. So when I wanted to see whether I had that elusive 1Z9A QSL from the Karen National Union (East Burma) to write about in an SDDXC Bulletin narrative, locating the card within the collection took just moments and was a piece of cake.

When it came time to move, the "head packer" assured me that no detail would be overlooked in moving my collection with zero disruption.

He lied.

I remember sitting in the garage waiting for an "all done" signal when one of the actual Allied Van Lines Neanderthal packers walked up to me and said: " Your cabinet was heavy, so we dumped all your postcards (***POSTCARDS!***) into boxes to make it easier for us to handle".



I went into shock and haven't recovered since. Here's a shot of my precious collection after enduring the tender handling of the "America's Most Recommended Mover Award".

I challenge anyone to find that 1Z9A QSL card in that box (or one of the 4 other boxes into which they had dumped all my cards.

MORAL OF THE STORY: ***USE LOTW!***

Bob, **K9RHY**

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